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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: October 8, 2004 / 1 PM
Date/Time of Occurrence: October 8, 2004 / 6:30 AM
Nature of Call: Shooting Death
Location of Call: 2600 block of Shirland Tract Road, Auburn
Case Number:
Released by: George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

An early morning shooting at a residence on Shirland Tract Road in Auburn left one man dead in what appeared to be an interrupted residential burglary.

At about 6:30 AM, the occupants of a home on the 2600 block of Shirland Tract Road in Auburn were awakened by sounds they believed were coming from inside the house. The occupants, a 61 year-old male and his 38 year-old son, got up to investigate. Finding nothing in the house, they went outside and found two males loading property into the back of a pick-up truck. The son tried to detain one of the suspects and got into a wrestling match. The second suspect tried to drive off in the truck.

The 61 year-old resident yelled at the suspect in the truck to stop. The suspect drove at the resident and struck him with the truck. The suspect then backed up and came at the 61 year-old resident a second time, again striking him. As the suspect came at the father again, the father, who had armed himself with a handgun prior to leaving the house, fired two times into the truck. The truck crashed into an embankment and the driver got out and fled about 40 yards on foot where he fell to the ground. The driver/suspect died at the scene. The suspect that fought with the son fled the scene on foot. The father and son received only minor injuries.

Law enforcement personnel conducted a ground and air search for the outstanding suspect for over 3 hours. The suspect was not located and is believed to have fled the area. He is described as a white male with no shirt, visible tattoos on his body and bleeding from the head.

The identity of the deceased suspect will not be released until notification of next of kin has been made.